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## Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

### Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of—	Proportion of cells with			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of—	Are likely to have sampling variability of—
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

#### Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

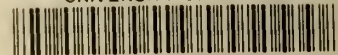
(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)							Value (1,000 dollars)								
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	116,004	(X)	23,823	11,350	54,977	20,727	2,337	2,054	583,773	(X)	75,062	44,497	312,996	117,107	14,414	11,184
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	41,315	10,038	3,142	15,253	11,668	560	360	(X)	201,767	34,156	10,305	97,137	51,381	3,567	2,073
Boston, Mass.....	4,622	2,125	687	-	3,691	44	56	144	15,804	7,542	2,351	-	12,437	586	303	127
Bridgeport, Conn.....	33	27	-	-	33	-	1	-	135	125	-	-	131	-	4	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	(Z)	-	-	-	-	(Z)	-	-	24	-	-	-	24	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	370	367	370	-	(Z)	-	-	-	2,538	2,533	2,519	-	19	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	49,293	13,415	3,633	2,742	34,910	6,352	367	1,287	294,614	87,125	12,696	16,138	212,445	43,335	2,646	7,353
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,057	576	200	108	523	203	9	14	5,744	2,866	545	478	2,596	1,944	28	153
Baltimore, Md.....	63	40	33	-	26	4	-	-	77	77	31	-	31	7	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	18	18	(Z)	2	14	2	-	(Z)	186	186	(Z)	11	147	26	-	2
Savannah, Ga.....	199	154	37	2	136	15	-	8	1,495	455	98	41	1,276	53	-	28
Tampa, Fla.....	76	8	54	-	22	-	-	-	211	73	176	-	35	-	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	29	29	-	-	-	29	-	-	300	300	-	-	-	300	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	332	101	291	41	-	-	-	-	964	375	881	83	-	-	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	384	230	360	5	-	19	-	-	774	542	703	50	-	21	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	179	179	176	-	3	-	-	-	886	887	788	-	100	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	79	38	79	-	-	-	-	-	114	78	114	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	7,271	2,513	977	247	2,056	3,433	484	74	57,639	17,938	8,047	2,094	18,802	24,857	3,210	628
San Francisco, Calif.....	5,313	3,041	173	25	506	3,679	927	3	39,241	16,890	1,778	323	5,491	26,453	5,090	106
Portland, Ore.....	86	86	10	-	75	1	-	(Z)	1,444	1,442	32	-	1,385	25	-	2
Seattle, Wash.....	683	455	122	3	272	277	5	4	5,929	4,252	419	222	1,450	3,746	36	56
Anchorage, Alaska.....	441	85	-	-	21	419	-	-	3,163	2,778	2,500	-	34	628	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	382	270	12	-	(Z)	300	69	-	4,513	1,262	16	-	4	3,551	942	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	39	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	164	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	321	210	46	-	233	8	34	-	7,675	5,765	349	-	6,249	55	1,022	-
Detroit, Mich.....	1,216	932	257	27	893	25	6	8	5,191	4,465	1,480	46	3,548	56	27	32
Chicago, Ill.....	14,954	8,488	3,566	1	6,928	4,281	15	163	46,338	20,240	13,321	6	25,640	6,243	80	1,049
Cleveland, Ohio.....	463	48	348	1	113	1	-	(Z)	1,655	157	1,208	3	439	5	-	(Z)
St. Louis, Mo.....	166	166	4	-	161	-	-	1	1,450	1,450	25	-	1,423	-	-	1
San Juan, P.R.....	669	439	560	98	8	1	-	3	2,753	1,335	1,119	825	507	30	-	272
Miami, Fla.....	13,758	5,895	6,648	6,808	287	8	-	8	35,306	12,899	12,849	20,651	1,722	61	-	22
Houston, Tex.....	1,080	652	668	58	141	152	(Z)	61	4,501	1,703	1,767	142	1,045	1,087	1	458
Washington, D.C.....	790	307	3	137	641	8	(Z)	(Z)	9,111	2,240	18	1,251	7,808	29	2	4
All other districts.....	118	89	60	(Z)	52	6	-	-	577	476	222	10	154	191	-	-
Shipments under \$251.....	10,784	(NA)	4,410	1,047	3,230	1,457	363	277	24,733	(NA)	8,828	2,124	8,076	3,793	1,021	891
Special Category.....	737	293	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	8,512	3,148	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

- Represents zero.





## U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS BY AIR

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)
Total, all carriers...	72,615	(X)	7,517	6,397	40,065	17,656	708	247	426,650	(X)	198,460	29,822
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	31,808	2,801	2,916	15,165	10,374	496	56	13,802	6,889	1,081	13,022
Boston, Mass.....	2,634	1,316	114	20	2,440	53	(Z)	6	13,802	6,889	1,081	13,022
Bridgeport, Conn.....	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	37	2	2	2
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	194	184	178	(Z)	16	1	(Z)	(Z)	2,228	2,111	1,946	1,946
Buffalo, N.Y.....	35,250	14,025	734	2,224	26,540	5,312	289	151	221,120	83,285	3,458	3,458
New York City, N.Y.....	878	528	25	(Z)	661	190	(Z)	3	6,819	3,342	178	178
Philadelphia, Pa.....	209	145	5	(Z)	195	10	(Z)	(Z)	1,150	1,100	44	44
Baltimore, Md.....	267	267	(Z)	(Z)	267	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	2,842	2,833	18	18
Wilmington, N.C.....	24	23	1	(Z)	23	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	4,411	4,408	3	3
Charleston, S.C.....	91	89	7	(Z)	84	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1,526	1,495	375	375
Savannah, Ga.....	11	2	5	(Z)	5	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	114	48	68	68
Tampa, Fla.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	2	2	1	1
Mobile, Ala.....	346	147	239	3	2	102	(Z)	(Z)	271	163	118	118
New Orleans, La.....	116	90	116	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	310	173	293	293
Laredo, Tex.....	16	12	14	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	346	254	330	330
El Paso, Tex.....	6	3	6	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	80	70	78	78
Nogales, Ariz.....	6,241	3,133	398	77	1,038	4,587	133	8	52,680	26,227	5,791	5,791
Los Angeles, Calif.....	4,901	3,689	96	8	217	4,434	145	1	41,859	29,496	530	530
San Francisco, Calif.....	9	1	1	(Z)	8	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	92	8	7	7
Portland, Oreg.....	1,127	873	206	(Z)	150	753	(Z)	17	5,927	3,937	1,766	1,766
Seattle, Wash.....	128	112	(Z)	(Z)	15	113	(Z)	(Z)	336	115	1	1
Anchorage, Alaska.....	340	216	37	(Z)	23	187	92	(Z)	2,838	1,566	53	53
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	12	12	12	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	415	414	414	414
Great Falls, Mont.....	16	13	16	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	41	20	36	36
Pembina, N. Dak.....	147	144	3	(Z)	12	132	(Z)	(Z)	571	548	52	52
Minneapolis, Minn.....	1,453	1,207	252	(Z)	1,164	37	(Z)	(Z)	4,979	3,780	901	901
Detroit, Mich.....	3,993	1,527	367	9	3,060	531	1	25	27,501	10,526	3,804	3,804
Chicago, Ill.....	193	128	38	(Z)	130	25	(Z)	(Z)	863	287	303	303
Cleveland, Ohio.....	142	70	3	(Z)	67	72	(Z)	(Z)	1,153	312	312	312
St. Louis, Mo.....	1,948	457	1,417	425	103	2	(Z)	(Z)	2,549	565	1,530	1,530
San Juan, P.R.....	6,131	2,722	2,294	3,463	339	31	(Z)	4	15,210	9,229	5,007	5,007
Miami, Fla.....	262	112	126	1	98	36	(Z)	2	2,955	252	280	280
Houston, Tex.....	583	530	19	(Z)	556	8	(Z)	(Z)	5,357	4,734	11	11
Washington, D.C.....	80	31	63	(Z)	12	5	(Z)	(Z)	333	241	171	171
All other districts.....	4,866	(NA)	728	166	2,836	1,035	46	30	5,931	(NA)	887	887
Shipments under \$251...												

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